

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 10 and 16.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Dukler (WO 00/78556) and Nagashima et al. (US 4,148,968).

Proposed Amendments

Amendment of claim 10 to recite that the fluorescent image is invisible under normal lighting conditions but visible when illuminated with UV light and the chemically-detectable image is revealed by application of a complementary reagent which reacts to produce a color.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants' representatives argued that Nagashima discloses a reaction of an ingredient that may be similar to the recited security feature with a "complementary reagent," but does not disclose the recited reaction of the recited "reactant" with a "complementary reactant" in the substrate to produce an embedded, chemically-detectable image that can be subsequently revealed. Thus, even when Nagashima is combined with Dukler, the presently claimed invention would not be obtained. Moreover, this combination of references provides no suggestion of all the steps of current Claim 16.

Results of Interview

The Examiner noted that a new search would be performed, but that the proposed amendment would advance the case towards allowance.